



# GEITA FINAL REPORT



Dear friends,

I want to thank you for praying for each of our African Campaigns. We just returned from Geita Tanzania and it was truly amazing. I apologize for not writing until now. This update is also a little long but I think you'll find it worth the time to read.

Geita is near the famous Serengeti in the Northwestern part of Tanzania:

We began working there just one week after our event in June in Musoma where as you might recall, we saw **413,449** people make decisions for Jesus! Our team went right from Musoma to Geita to begin the work of preparation.

The phrase that best describes Geita was "Fierce Opposition". To begin with, the church there was very divided and antagonistic toward each other. This isn't that unusual but here it was very pronounced. Additionally, many different groups assembled against us to try to stop our event in many different ways. And then...





About a week before we were scheduled to start the crusade, our African team and the Bishops we were working with were summoned to the office of the RC or Regional Commissioner. This is the title for their Governors. In the office with her was the Chief of Police, an army representative, the mayor and many other government leaders. It was a show of force. There we were told that the crusade was cancelled and the order came from the President's office. It was a shock. The US team was scheduled to get on the plane for Africa the next day. When they heard this, our African Director, Ian Tumusiimi, refused to accept the demand. We had all of the permissions in writing and he told them if they intended to cancel our crusade, it had to be in writing and signed. We left and the churches who once had been divided, came together as one and began to pray and fast 24 hours a day!

Two days later that dreaded letter was delivered. Still, no one gave up. Everyone continued to pray and fast and then returned with scores of Christian leaders, and more importantly many women who had worked tirelessly for the Women's Conference and told the Governor with tears that the crusade must be reinstated. These women then said, "You (RC) should not expect that you will keep your job if you cancel this event. We are crying out before God and he sees our tears and hears our prayers." It was very dramatic and the RC, also a woman, began to cry and like Esther after speaking with Mordecai, asked for prayer and for the courage and favor to stand up to those insisting that the crusade be cancelled.

That was on Friday afternoon. It seemed like every Christian in Geita was praying and fasting through the weekend. Monday came and we were told by the RC, the crusade could go on! Praise God!

We rejoiced in the victory God gave us. But the enemy wasn't done with us yet. The next day, just 3 days before the crusade was scheduled to start, somehow they managed to rescind the permit we had for the field that we had rented. We had been advertising that location for six weeks with radio, television, billboards and tens of thousands of posters all over town. Our equipment, stage, sound, video was already there. Now we had 3 days to find a new location, prepare the ground, move everything and get the word out. By God's grace we did find a new location and quickly hired a bulldozer to flatten it enough for our stage and sound equipment. In the end, I think it was better. There were more trees for shade and grass to sit on. And somehow, the word got out and the people showed up!

I could go on with the many challenges our team had to overcome but the reality is that this is war. The enemy sees us as a powerful threat to his dark kingdom and he always comes in like a flood against us. But our God ALWAYS sets up a standard against that attack and gives us the victory. And in Geita, God gave us a tremendous victory! So let me tell you a little about that victory.

First, **420,390** precious souls put their trust in Jesus. Think of that, nearly half a million more people now belong to Jesus! Many of those were school children as our team was able to speak in 100 schools. In each school several hundred and sometimes more than a 1000 children put their trust in Jesus. This included thousands of Muslim children!

Every afternoon, we also held "mini-crusades" and on average 500 people a day trusted Jesus. This also gave many young and aspiring evangelists opportunities to preach the gospel. On top of all of that, our team trained more than 4 thousand church members how to do follow up as well as teaching them, and bringing them out to do evangelism. When I look at what God has done, I am in awe.



I told you that we came to Geita and found a terribly divided church. However, through the process and particularly the adversity that was sent to destroy us, those churches united, bonded and became a single force fasting, praying, standing in faith and working together to win their city to Jesus! I have also just learned that the Pastors have continued to meet to pray for their city and find ways to work together to continue the transformation. Our team will return in just over a week to encourage them and teach them further how to continue and increase the transformation God has begun.



A story that touched my heart is about Martha, the Pastor of a small church in Geita. Shortly after their first child was born, her husband died. Martha then took over the church but it has floundered with just 20 members for years. She is a wonderful, committed believer and worked hard to help with the crusade. Our team went to her church and found the bathroom was just a hole in the ground. This was an embarrassment to the entire congregation. So we built the church a decent toilet which is so simple but Martha was over the top excited. Now, this first Sunday since the crusade, she reported that their attendance went from 20 people to 120! She said that for the first time since her husband died she feels real hope.

God also moved in great power in healing thousands of people. The very first night we heard testimonies of blind seeing, deaf hearing, paralyzed walking! One little girl was crying uncontrollably. Seth, one of our team asked her if she needed prayer for her eyes. Through her tears she said “no, I was blind and now for the first time I can see!” She was overcome with tears of joy!

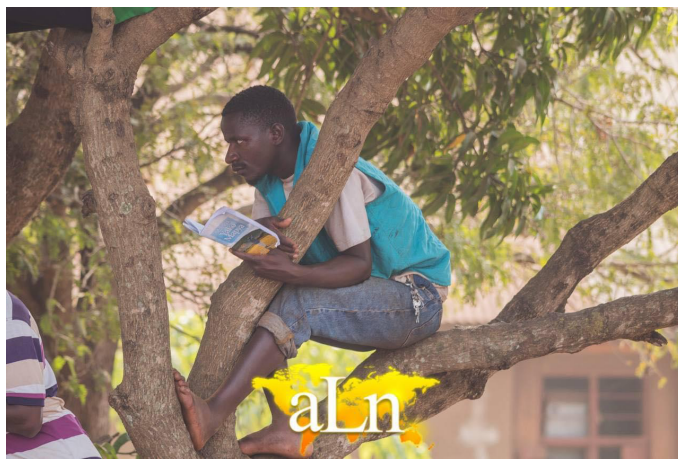
Another young man had a horrible break of his leg that left him in constant pain and walking only with a crutch. He was so thrilled when God healed him that he went and brought back the x-ray to show us what a miracle had occurred.”



It is true what James said: ***“Listen, my dear brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised to those who love him?”***

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Kids climbed in trees to get a better view of all that was happening.



This man was deaf in his left ear. I am whispering to test if he can hear me.



This is Governor who fought for us to go on with our event. The people began calling her **Esther**

God is teaching us that even when it looks like the battle has already been lost, if we will stand in faith, we will receive His promise of victory. Geita began with fierce opposition and ended with glorious victory!

Now we prepare for what will be our final Campaign this year. We will be in Mwanza Tanzania. Please pray with us for a great move of God's Spirit there. We already have great favor with the RC who is a genuine man of God and becoming a friend. Nevertheless, we are hearing rumblings of the country closing down. We continue to pray. We are also nearing our first year winning more than 1 million souls. Since Jan 1, we have seen **913,828** decisions for Christ. The harvest is truly ripe and we can't wait to get back and bring more people to Jesus!